

Abstract

5 A method of manufacturing a moulded product comprising the steps
of: providing a mould conforming to the shape of the product the mould
serving to define one or more moulding surfaces which are to be reproduced
in an article formed via the mould; mounting in the mould an article including
or forming an image comprising at least one device, logo, letter, word or
words or combinations of these in such a way that most, if not all of the
10 article lies within the mould out of contact with the or each moulding surface;
and injecting into the mould a supply of polymerisable material so as to
immerse the article; the material, at least following polymerisation being
flexible and so providing at least in part, a substantially transparent product;
and withdrawing the product from the mould. Typically the step of providing
15 product is directed to an article of footwear such as a shoe or swimming fin
(also known as a flipper). The invention provides for a single stage product
or the step of providing the mould conforming to the shape of the product
serves also to juxtapose a previously formed or moulded product for
attachment to a product formed in the injection step. The invention extends
20 to a moulded product which is of flexible plastics material moulded by way
of the method.